

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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I AM HE THAT LIVETH AND BEHOLD I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE

GOD AMONG THE CANDLESTICKS

Zeno C. Tharp

While sitting in the room this morning looking over the Evangel, just after reading a letter from Brother Let-singer in answer to one I had written him, asking if it were not enough for me to write to the missionary department, and being informed that I was on the Editorial Staff and that he would expect something more of me, these words came to me: "And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man." Rev. 1:13. A good feeling came over me and I laid the Evangel aside and began to meditate upon it a little. A thought came to me, "Why not write on this as well as anything? If it does you good, maybe it will do some one else good."

I can think of nothing better than to know that the Son of man is in our midst. Nor is this the only time that God, or the Son of God, came among His people. Here we have Him among the churches, other places we have Him among individuals as with the Hebrew children, Dan. 3:25. Altho' some will say, "That has been a long time ago," yet I KNOW He is with US just as real as He was with them. There are many times when I am sure if we could see as John did, we could see Him walking in our midst during our services; we could see Him walking around on the rostrum, up and down the aisles, between the seats, or from one to another. I can almost see Him sometimes and I know by the actions of the people that He does. I have felt Him as He came by me and laid His hand on me. A wave of GLORY would go all over me and before I hardly knew it I would say from the very depths of my soul, "Glory to God." I can feel His sweet presence now. It is wonderful! I believe there are angels near most all the time but I believe sometimes the very Son of God Himself comes to bless us. Praise God! If I knew that when you read this some of you would feel just half like I do now, I would not hesitate to write.

Not very long ago at one of our services we all seemed to be feeling the presence of the Lord when suddenly most every one started shouting. At the same time a little girl ran to her parents and asked if they saw it, saying that she had seen a ball of fire fall on the rostrum and break to pieces and when it did most everybody gave a yell and commenced shouting. We did not see the fire but we felt it. No one doubted that the girl saw it. The effect that it had was proof enough.

THE SON OF MAN is still walking in our midst, not only in one local church but among the candlesticks (all the churches). I believe if we could realize this, that oftentimes it would have a great effect upon our services. When John saw Him he fell before Him. So ought we when we realize that He is among us humble ourselves before Him and reverence Him. The more vivid His presence the more we should respect Him. If we recognize His presence and welcome Him, the more real He will become. The more real His presence is the greater effect it will have, not only on the church but stout hearted sinners cannot stand in His presence. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Let God come among us, walk about thru our congregations, along thru our altar services, and the devil will have to get out. If we refuse to let Him come among us, He will remove the candlestick.

Church set in Order

We have just closed a four weeks' meeting at Honea Path which was a great success for God and His church. Sixty-seven were saved, forty-three sanctified, and thirty received the Holy Ghost. Brother Whittington, our overseer, came and preached three times for us and set the church in order with thirty members. Everyone surely enjoyed his singing and preaching. Pray for the work in this district and believe God will do great things for us. Thank God for old time religion. God surely did bless in the meeting here and the people were all so good to us. We love them all. If any of the saints around Dillon or McColl read this, please pray for us. Yours in His service, Mrs. J. A. Hanvey, 117 Catlett St., Anderson, S. C.

Redeeming The Time

PLANT CITY, Fla.—We wish to speak a few words for another ever-growing church that is down in Florida. It is Plant City. First, we speak a few words in regard to our beloved pastor, Brother L. R. Alderman. We thank God for sending him here for another year as he is a God sent man and stands for the Church of God and the upbuilding of it. He preaches the truth regardless of what comes or goes. All were glad to see him come back. The writer was very glad to hear that Brother Drymon was our district pastor. We have not been having such good crowds in our services but now things are moving along.

Brother Fletcher is the superintendent of the Sunday School and takes a great interest in it. Brother and Sister Alderman are at their best in building up the Y. P. E. We know the days are evil and we are doing all the good we can to redeem the time. Please pray much for the church here that it may be on the alert for the glory of God.—Edmund Stone.

Can Report Victory Thru The Blood

CLEAR CREEK, Va.—I wish to report victory over sin thru the BLOOD OF JESUS. Brother J. C. Hanks and I went to Falls Mills, Va. and held a revival in a new field. We surely found some fine people in that place. The dear Lord saved some folks there and eight were baptized in water. We set a Church of God in order there with six real members, we believe, and we are looking for the Lord to give us a church house in that place. We already have the promise of a church lot and we believe God will move on the hearts of the people of that place to give the material to build a house. We feel that that is a good country for a Church of God. It seems that many are looking this way. The people there treated us so nice and kind that we did not want to leave but we hope to go back soon and hold another revival. D. V. Pray for me and that God will bless us in the Tazewell district this year.—Your brother in Christ, H. O. Kirk, district overseer.

Still Answering Prayer

SHELTON, Fla. — I am glad I can report victory this morning. Three years ago last May the good Lord saved my soul, sanctified me, and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost. It still abides. He has been so good to us in our home. Only a few nights ago my husband was suffering with the toothache. His head ached all over. He couldn't rest. I promised the Lord if He would ease the pain and let him sleep I would testify of it. He rested good all night. I know He is still answering prayer. I love this way and want to do my best for the one who gave Himself to die for this world. I ask for the prayers of the saints that we will stay true to God and His church and that we might have a revival here for it is a needy place with only three Church of God members but there is some good material looking this way. Also pray for my father and his family to see the light on holiness before it is too late. — A sister under the blood, Mary Butler.

Never Grown Tired

COLUMBUS, Ga. — I praise the dear Lord for saving me from sin, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire and putting me on my run for heaven. I am added to the dear Church of God. I have never grown tired of the way but it gets brighter every day. The Lord has been so good to me. I have been trying to tell it for twenty years but there are not words enough to tell the love of Jesus and the joy and peace He gives me right here in this world. I mean by His grace to follow Jesus all the way. He is my all. I want the dear children of God to pray for me that I will stand and never stop but press on. — Your sister in Christ, Laura Bassetti, 1329 Broadway.

TEACHING DOCTRINE

S. W. Latimer, General Overseer

"But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." Titus 2:1. The idea is becoming more and more prevalent among members of the churches, especially Church of God people, that we should avoid teaching doctrine in order to keep from offending and bringing contentions. It is urged that there is nothing to this hair-splitting theology. Contentment and harmony, they say, is what we want. I will admit that this is true but we are also to stick to the doctrines of the Bible. Of course we are to emphasize the practical things of life. Some say that it makes no difference, just so we live good lives and our messages, as ministers, from time to time please the people. Some have said it makes no difference what you believe just so you live right. We need not wonder at this when we are informed by the Apostle Paul that in the last days sound doctrine will not be endured. 2 Tim. 4:3, 4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." The ears of the nations shall be turned unto fables.

In a recent visit I found that many of the large holiness movements are giving away to those having itching ears, lowering the standard of holiness, compromising with the world for support. While some of them have thousands of dollars, they are lacking in spiritual love and power. The whole tenor of the Scriptures is emphatically opposed to such and we stand, without any reserve whatsoever, for the Scriptures and truth.

We admit that the way we live is important but we insist that all true, Christian living has its foundation in Christian doctrine. What we believe moulds Christian experience and forms Christian character and it is out of this that true Christian living issues. True and sound Christian doctrine needs to be known and taught if souls are to be saved from sin and its awful, fatal consequences and to be established in the ways of the Lord, the ways of Christian living and righteousness.

Let us see what the Scriptures themselves teach respecting the knowledge and teaching of Christian doctrine as it will enable us to get our bearings in the matter. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught doctrine—"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine." Matt. 7:28; "And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him." Mark 1:22-27. The apostles of our Lord set forth and taught doctrine—"Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us." Acts 5:28; "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience." 2 Tim. 3:10. The early believers obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine delivered unto them, and were thereby made free

from sin—"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Being then made free from sin, ye become the servants of righteousness." Rom. 6:16, 18. Compare 1 Thess. 2:13, "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses," and 1 Pet. 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth for ever." Ministers are especially commanded to give heed to doctrine.

"As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine," 1 Tim. 1:3; "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortations, to doctrine," 1 Tim. 4:6, 13; "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers," Titus 1:9; "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine," Titus 2:1. Any one who opposes scriptural doctrine is proud, ignorant and without God—"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmises," 1 Tim. 6:3, 4; "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son," 2 John 1:9.

From a foregoing, living fact teaching concerning doctrine holds a large and important place both in the Christian life and the ministry. It was a sad day when the church drifted away from teaching doctrine and we are now reaping the harvest of that drift. In past days when old and young gathered in the meeting house on the day of worship the minister discussed for an hour or more great Christian doctrine. Both the church and the world were blessed with strong and stalwart Christian men and women. In those days there were vigorous expressions of Christianity both in faithful testimony and honest, conscientious, general Christian living. Let us take fresh courage and honestly, earnestly and prayerfully study the Word of God and true Christian doctrine, then let us faithfully, lovingly and patiently teach it.

I have read the story of a certain tree that is obnoxious to venomous serpents. A traveler in the country where these trees grow tells of nothing but a bird that seemed to be disturbed, flying about the nest of her young plucking leaves and placing them around the nest. The onlooker became interested and watched the proceedings. Finally he noticed a serpent coiled on a limb above the nest. The bird flew away and set on a limb chirping. It is said the serpent crawled down to the nest and the minute that he touched the leaves he fell from the tree. I tell you we need to teach Christian doctrine and brand it in the hearts of our children. We should continually urge our children and hearers to accept sound doctrine thereby protecting them from attacks of the devil.

THE NEED OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES ILLUMINATED
"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they

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The Holy Ghost Is Working

MIAMI, Fla.—Truly the Holy Ghost is on the job. We ran a meeting here which lasted three weeks. Two were saved and sanctified and one came into the church. Truly it was wonderful to see the Holy Ghost use the saints in some services. He is on the job all the time. The meeting was conducted by the writer and Brother Willie Remons, the deacon. I also thank God for our pastor, Elder David LaFleur. He is really a man of God, full of power and patience. We thank God for a man like Him for our pastor. I thank God for a wonderful program rendered in the Church of God in Miami by Sister Eva Allen and others. It was one long to be remembered. The children recited Bible verses and other wonderful things. Little two year old babies stood on the platform, resting their hands on each other and repeated the books of the Bible. Our little Sister Vera Remon rendered some good music at the piano which made our hearts rejoice. Truly the Holy Ghost is working thru us in these days and making our hearts glad. What will it be when we get to Heaven! Only eternity will tell, I believe. Dear saints, it is best to let the Holy Ghost have His way with you always.—Your brother in Christ, James Sutherland, 1635 N. W. 6th Court.

If You Are Sick Hold On To God

ALAMO, Tex. — This afternoon I praise God for His many blessings He has bestowed upon me, and especially for His mighty and wonderful healing power. In December 1928 while my husband was district overseer of Crockett District we all had the flu. I took T. B. and grew from bad to worse, although I knew God could heal and would, if we would go to Him believing His Word. Many times the dear children of God would pray for me and I would get relief for a short time. I finally got to where I couldn't walk and could hardly talk. My husband and children had already given me up to die, also other saints. But God knew my heart and that He would get glory out of my suffering. Last winter I had the flu again and double pneumonia. After all this I've been in bed most of the time, although since God healed me I can talk much better. I feel free. I imagine I feel like a little bird that had been caged then turned loose. When Jesus cried, "Lazarus, come forth," and he came forth, Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." Oh, praise God! He has given me grace to trust Him thru all these sufferings. I can walk without help, only leaning on Jesus. You who are suffering, don't give up. Jesus is merciful. He will save. He will heal. If you are not healed the first time you go to Him, keep going. I've gone to Him many times the last two years. He'll heal you or send you an answer that is better.

Each one of you who read this please stop long enough to breathe a prayer for me that I'll gain strength to where I'll be going wherever God wants me to go. I'm a "walking skeleton," looks like. I weighed one hundred and twenty-one pounds before I lost my health and now I weigh about fifty or sixty pounds, but praise God He can put flesh on these old bones. Oh glory for healing power. Continue to pray for me. God bless every one, especially you who are sick and suffering. Hold on! — Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bessie Ball.

He Keeps Me Each Day

ZELLWOOD, Fla. — I praise the Lord for salvation. I praise Him for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I praise the Lord for the way He keeps me each day. He has done so much for me. I promised the Lord last year if He would heal my eyes I would testify of it. He did heal me and I can never praise Him enough for it. I have been crippled for seven weeks. I am looking to the Lord. I know He will heal. I ask all the saints everywhere to pray for me that God will heal me. If Brother and Sister W. M. Newman see this please pray for me. Pray for me that I will stay under the blood.—A sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. M. J. Marsh.

THE TOUR Condition Of Colored Work Out On The Field

J. H. Curry, Overseer of Colored Work
After leaving my home town, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on August 5 my first stop was at Deerfield, Fla. where we had a splendid service that night. The saints were greatly encouraged but were sorry to see me go alone. I left home believing the Lord would provide some one to accompany me on the trip. My next stop was at Delray Beach, Fla. where we had a wonderful time. My subject was "Walking By Faith." I tried to get a young man at this place to accompany me but failed so I had to continue to walk by faith. My next stop was at W. Palm Beach, Fla. We enjoyed a wonderful service at this place. Here I was fortunate in securing Brother G. H. Forbes to accompany me. After leaving W. Palm Beach our next stop was at Kelsey City, Fla. There are only a few members of the Church of God at this place but they are "the faithful few." They enjoyed the service and the presence of the overseer. The next day we left Kelsey City and went to Jupiter, Fla. There we had a very good service. After the sermon several came to the altar and bowed for prayer. The next day we went to Jensen where we spent Sunday. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. The saints enjoyed the messages delivered by their overseer.

Monday morning we toured down to Stewart and obtained two casings and inner tubes, assisted by the good brethren at Jensen. That evening we left Jensen for Ft. Pierce, Fla. There we had a very good service. Next day we left Ft. Pierce for Gifford where we had service with the few at that place. After service we left for Wabasso and had another good time with the saints and the Lord. After the sermon several came to the altar and seemed to pray anxiously for the salvation of their souls. Here we got another brother to accompany us, Brother G. H. Brown. The next day we left for Cocoa. There we had service with the saints. From here we went to Daytona Beach and had a nice time with the saints. We left for Jacksonville where we had a good time. From here we were accompanied to Rochelle, Ga. by Brother J. W. Hamilton of Norris-town. We had service there that night. Quite a few were in the altar seeking for saving grace. After the service that night we left for Shelby, N. C. where we had service with the church folks. Brother Alex Bell certainly gave us a warm welcome and carried us to a nice restaurant where we enjoyed nourishments for our bodies. Next morning we left, touring thru Virginia and on to Washington D. C., then thru Maryland and Delaware and on into Norris-town, Pa. The writer preached for Brother Hamilton and Brother Shelton, also visited Woodbury, N. J. and Philadelphia. While at So. Philadelphia one soul got sanctified. We toured over to E. New Market, Md. and preached for Brother Chancy Askins. Several were in the altar and sought the Lord earnestly. After service that night we left Maryland and drove back to Philadelphia. The next evening we went to Pittsburgh, Pa. where we had a nice time with Brother G. Byrd and saints. They treated us very hospitably. We also visited another holiness church while in Pittsburgh. They gave us a warm welcome. The sermon was delivered by Brother G. Byrd and remarks were made by several visiting ministers. From Pittsburgh we toured thru many cities, on thru the state of Ohio and into Kentucky. We stopped at Tway, Ky. about three nights with Brother Ed Johnson and the saints. Then we spent eight days and nights at Kildav, Ky. While we were there a revival spirit broke out and several got blessed. Four came into the church the last night we were there. Elder Johnson and the saints at Tway and Kildav surely did treat us royally. May God bless them with abundant success throughout the ensuing year.

From Kildav we went to Birmingham, Ala. then on to Flat Top, Flat Creek, and Labuco. While at Flat Top the Lord anointed one of the boys to preach the gospel. We were having Sunday School and our lesson was about the prophet Jonah. Well, it was wonderful. The saints of Alabama are very kind and generous, they are a lovable people. May God bless them. (Please Look On Page Three)

NOTICES

This is the last month of this calendar year and as we have given notice in an issue of recent date, evangelists should send in their papers for renewal. You will have to have your license renewed before you can get clergy rates on the railroad and it will be necessary for you to send them in at once.—Yours truly, S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

Our Octagon soap coupon drive is getting along fine. One church sent in over two thousand. This may not seem worth much but we can secure with Octagon coupons all the equipment we need to make the home comfortable and pleasant for the children and we earnestly insist that all of our people do their best to collect these coupons from members and friends, put them in bundles of one hundred and mail them to this office as early as possible. We thank you for past cooperation in the work for the homeless and helpless.—S. W. Latimer, Chairman of Orphanage Committee.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIALS

It is now time for you to place your order for Sunday School literature for the first quarter. Be sure to send it early to avoid the Christmas rush. Don't forget that cash with your order is greatly appreciated. It saves time and expense.

Don't forget to renew your subscription before it expires. We are still extending the Assembly rate of one dollar per year. Get your neighbor to subscribe with you.

We have a supply of the C. of G. Y. P. E. pins. Don't fail to order a supply for your young folks. 5c each, 45c per dozen.

We are anxious to get the Minutes into the hands of the people. We hope the ministers and workers will order a supply and help us get them to the people. 25c each, \$2.50 per doz., \$18.00 per hundred.

If any of those who have ordered scripture text calendars find it is doubtful as to whether you will be able to sell what you have, we would be glad you would return them to us at once. If you keep them until after the first of the year, it will be too late for you to return them to us for we could not sell them then.

Brother E. L. Simmons lectured in the church at Knoxville, Tenn. last week which was greatly enjoyed by those who heard him. He goes to Townsend and Lenoir City this week.

This will be the last issue of the Evangel some of you will receive unless you renew. A subscription blank will be sent with all those expiring. We hope each one will renew. We do not want to lose you from our list.

Brother E. E. Simmons takes the lead this week in sending in subscriptions. He sends seven; S. C. Chambers, five; W. R. Whidden, four; J. S. Collins, four. We have received in all since last issue forty-three subscriptions.

LIVE THE LIFE

BROWNFIELD, Texas.—I want to tell of the good things the Lord has been doing for us out on the plains. He has given many folks the Holy Ghost and has helped some to see the light on His church and has healed the sick. He has healed my body several times. Not long ago He healed me of a pain over my heart. I want folks to know He can do the work if we live the life. That is what counts. We have to do our part too. If we want Him to hear our prayer we should be up and about our Father's business, trying to help people to see that our Lord is soon coming to get His bride. I do want to tell everyone I see about God. Sometimes we can't get people to stop and listen to us but we can live a good everyday life that will help them to see we are doing our best to serve God. Some folks will find fault but they did this when Jesus was here.

When the devil leaves us alone we had better begin to rise and shake ourselves for we know that is a good sign he has us and has gone after some of God's people.

I am so glad I read God's Word and

Minutes! Minutes!!

The Minutes of the 25th Annual Assembly of the Church of God are now ready. Send us your order at once. We hope the workers will see that their people are well supplied with Minutes. 25c each, \$2.50 per dozen, \$18.00 per hundred.

Notices & Specials

CORRECTION:—In the issue of Nov. 22 in the Mission Department the scripture, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? etc.," was quoted as found in 1 Cor. 10:14, 15 when it is found in Rom. 10:14, 15.—Transcribers.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi is a great agricultural state populated by good, clever people who need the gospel, and thousands are anxious for it. It offers great opportunities for those who are interested in the evangelistic work.

In assigning pastors to the different churches we have endeavored to the best of our ability to satisfy both pastor and people, and as far as possible, have given the men who have been requested by the churches. I feel satisfied that the pastors selected will render valuable service. I want to urge all members of the various churches to rally to your pastors' support, as far as lieth in your power, by offerings and tithes and by prayer and supplication.

I hope the ministers who have been left without a church will not feel disappointed, because we have a number more ministers than churches and all can't be pastors. But the field is ripe for evangelizing and I hope if you have no church you will occupy the field with your labors in bringing in new material and establishing new churches.

I am not pastoring any churches this year so I can give my entire time to the state work. Churches needing my help would do well to send some financial aid to get me to your places as the tithes that I receive will not take care of the work. And sometimes you wonder why I do not come when you call, money is lacking.

The last Assembly ruled that no church can set a member forth for the ministry until the district overseer and state overseer have given their approval. I hope this will be strictly observed and save trouble.

I hope all ministers will not go in another man's work and undertake to preach until you have gotten the consent of the preacher in charge. This is an old ruling that has never been repealed but is not much observed.

I hear of some preachers offering their services free to get a church to pastor. If you do not consider your preaching worth anything, you are surely not worth anything to a church so far as spirituality is concerned and we hope such preachers will move to a farm and go to work and pay tithes to some one who is worth something. It will be required of all ministers to pay tithes, trust the Lord with their bodies, and report each month to Headquarters. Some got by last year without this but we have our eye on you this time.

I believe we have a loyal set of people in Mississippi as the world affords when once they know the truth. It will be our purpose this year to bring you all the teachings of the Assembly and want everyone from the least to the greatest to know that I love you and want to help you any way I can. Pray for me and I will pray for you. I trust we will have good fellowship and that God will wonderfully bless us in Mississippi this year.—Your humble servant, S. J. Heath, Overseer.

We would like to correspond with Church of God saints in the central or northwest part of Arkansas as we are thinking of moving that way in the spring. We would like to know something about the country and climate and would like to locate close to a Church of God. Please let us hear from you.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Smith, Box 293, Petersburg, Texas.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Gabrielle Dame. Anyone knowing her address notify me. If Brother Milo Cross sees this and knows where she is, please write me.—Mrs. Minnie Kennon, 121 24th St., Cleveland, Tenn.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Catlettsburg, Ky. to 2223 Emerald Ave., E. Akron, Ohio. Send all communications to this address. All who send handkerchiefs, please send self-addressed envelopes for return, also stamps. Handkerchiefs are still coming and many are being healed. If you are suffering and can't get victory, send us a handkerchief believing you will be healed and the Lord will heal you.—Your brother in Christ, L. G. Rouse.

Brother L. G. Rouse is conducting a revival at the Church of God, 73 Wayne Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. We are in the fourth week of the revival and God is blessing in a wonderful manner. Souls are getting to God and the sick are being healed. We want all the saints of God who read this to pray that great and lasting good may

learned the way to go before it was too late. Saints everywhere, pray for us that we will just live so close to God that He can use us for His glory wherever we go. I believe we will see that we will have to look for Him more than ever before. Pray for me that I will stay just where God can use me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Beulah Brown, South R., Box 130.

be done for God and His church.—Sister Maymie Patterson, 664½ Erie St., Youngstown, Ohio.

I can pick a guitar and would like to get with some good preacher to be in meetings. If any of you preachers want me with you, just let me know and I will be glad to come.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Cook, Rt. 3, Box 34, Lake View, S. C.

To whom it may concern: My address is 306 Broadway, Wichita Falls, Texas. Everybody who prays please pray for us at Wichita Falls. I have only been here two weeks and five have received the Holy Ghost, eight have been sanctified, ten saved, and twelve have been added to the church. We are moving on just fine. Pray for us.—W. M. Kile.

Dear sisters in the church: For a long time we have been seeing the need of women's work in the church. And at the Assembly we decided, while talking together one day, that we would see what we could do. We have each given some ideas thru the Evangel in order to get the women thinking about the work and realizing the need.

We are anxious to give all the women a chance to have their part in this. If you have been having success along this line, write in and give it to us thru the Evangel. We are leaving this open for suggestions until Christmas and then we will come to some decision and put the best ideas together and make an outline to work by so we can all be in harmony and can launch out in the work this coming year, holding up our pastors' hands. May God bless you.—Your sisters, Mrs. S. J. Wood, Alda B. Harrison.

Anyone having relatives or friends who are members of or are interested in the Church of God, living in Detroit, please write me, giving their names and addresses so we can get in touch with them. We will appreciate it if anyone knowing of a member of the church who has moved here will write us as many folks fail to find the church when they move here. The church is now located on the corner of 16th St. and Stanley Ave.—M. P. Cross, Overseer of Michigan, 5686 16th St., Detroit, Mich.

I am a young man out for the salvation of lost souls. I preach, sing, and play a guitar when the Lord leads, also shout, dance, and the Holy Ghost talks in tongues. I am in a revival at Cordova, Ala. Please pray that God will use me as an instrument in His hands for the rescue of lost and perishing souls at this place. I will evangelize this year. If you are interested in a meeting and want me, write me at Rt. 1, Covin, Ala.—Your brother for lost souls, L. J. Potts.

To the churches in Illinois, greetings in Jesus' name: I am now located in the state and would be glad to hear from any who wish to write me in the interest of the Church of God. We hope to have the hearty cooperation of every minister and member in Illinois and trust this will be the best year yet for the work in this state. Times are very hard here in many places so we hope all will be loyal and pay your tithes, and if the tithes are not sufficient to take care of your pastor, take offerings and give poundings so he can give his time to the ministry. Let us pray much and ask God to help us and I am sure He will. Please do not forget the orphans and missions. If you know of new fields where prospects are good for new work, write us. Any other matters of interest in the work of the Lord that we can assist you in any way, please write us about them as we wish to do what we can for the cause of the Lord.—Yours in Him, H. N. Scoggins, Overseer of Illinois.

If anyone wants a meeting held, please write me at once.—W. L. Reynolds, Rt. 4, Gordo, Ala.

I feel it my duty to help bring the gospel to the lost ones of this place. The Church of God has never been preached here. Sister and I work here and are the only Church of God people here. I wonder if some good Holy Ghost filled preacher will not come and bring the gospel to the poor souls. If ever a place needed the Word preached and the blood of Jesus applied it seems to me it is Mt. Vernon. I can't promise as some places, that you'll be well cared for, but won't you pray, trust God, and come? I believe God will bless you. My salary is small but I'll do my best.

Oh how my heart longs for a real holiness meeting where I can feel the fire burning and hear the shouts of praise from God's people. I love the Lord and want to do His will. Will you please pray for me? May God put it on some one's heart to bring the gospel here. Some one is responsible for the dear souls. If God is leading you this way, please follow. I would like to hear from any who will write. Your letter will be encouraging to one who is hardly ever in church.—A sister in Christ, Bertha Luker, Mt. Vernon, Ala.

To the readers of the Church of God

Evangel: God has seen fit to place us district overseer of this district. We are in a revival at Fitzgerald, Ga. God in blessing, souls are getting thru to victory. Pray that God will give us victory and many souls will be saved.—Yours for lost souls, W. Cobb Dennard and wife, Fitzgerald, Ga.

We would be glad to hear from anyone wishing the service of a man and his wife to help in meetings, with mandolin and guitar. Wife can play the piano.—O. P. Bailey, 64 Delgods, Wilmington, N. C.

To all the ministers, clerks, and laity of the Churches of God in Virginia, greetings: Having been appointed overseer of Virginia, I am now on the job after some delay in moving to the state. I assure you I have the best interest of the work at heart and am very anxious to see every church grow and prosper, both in wisdom and health, financially and spiritually, so that God will be well pleased with us and our service in rescuing the poor lost souls for which Christ gave His all to redeem.

My address will be Box 67, Monroe, Va. and I will appreciate a good letter from each clerk, telling me the exact condition of the church you are serving and what you feel the need of.

I would also like to have a letter from the ministers, telling me your desires as to work. I have several calls for revivals now and some applicants for work. But I want to get every minister of Virginia placed and have every church supplied as soon as possible, then we will know what we have to offer the good brothers who desire to come and help us from other states.

I believe every minister can do something for God. If you cannot get out and devote all your time to the work, try to have a revival in some new place and work out a good church. If every minister will work out one new church this year, we will more than double our number this year and soon have plenty of work for everybody.

Let us all be prompt in sending in our reports so headquarters may know where we are and what we are doing.

Inasmuch as many of the churches now have no Sunday Schools, let us put on a special Sunday School campaign and have at least a Sunday School in every church by the first of this coming year. It is just about time to order the next quarter's supplies, so let us get busy and we may have Sunday Schools many places where we can't have churches just now.

I want every laymember to feel responsible to a very great extent for the welfare of the church of which he is a member. The church could not get along without the laity, therefore, God will hold them responsible for their duty as He also does the ministers. Let us therefore work together with one heart and mind to please God and be at peace among ourselves and God will give us an abundant increase.—I am yours for the advancement of the Church of God in Virginia, Laud L. Vaught, Overseer of Virginia.

This is to notify our many friends that we are located at Morgantown, Miss for the coming year. As this is the first time I have ever had the opportunity of meeting the saints at Morgantown and Mt. Zion, I surely have found some fine people here. They seem to appreciate us being with them. They gave us about a twenty-one dollar pounding when we moved here and the good part about it is they haven't quit. They are still bringing things in. We are expecting the Lord to bless us in Mississippi this year.

I noticed in the Evangel that I had been appointed district overseer of the Morgantown District. Come on, pastors, and let us make this the best year we have ever had for the Church of God in Mississippi. I will be around to see you as soon as I can. If you need my assistance before I come, write me at Morgantown. We want to have a good district meeting as soon as we can. When our state overseer visits your church, each pastor see that he gets a good offering before he leaves as the tithes are not very much now I am sure. Come on and let us work together this year for the Lord and His cause. May the Lord bless everyone.—H. B. Magee, district overseer.

To the Evangel readers and whom it may concern: We have moved from Gilbert, La. to Rt. 2, Rayville, La. We ask the readers and the ones over us in the Lord to pray for us that we will hold out faithfully until the end.—Your brother and sister in Christ, M. D. Lairmore and wife.

CORRECTION:—In the issue of Nov. 8 in the miscellaneous orphanage report the one quilt sent in by Mrs. Bertha Crutchfield was sent by the Church of God at Avon Park.—Mrs. Bertha Crutchfield, Avon Park, Fla.

Anyone wishing to write to Beard's Revival Party for the next two weeks, beginning Dec. 4, address us, General Delivery, Hazlehurst, Ga.—S. F. Beard, evangelist, M. C. Dixon, Singer.

REQUESTS

I am in bed with chills and fever. I have been sick for several days. There are no saints of God here to sing or pray for the sick. I have been healed many different times and I know He will heal me again if it is His will.

I am trusting the Lord with both soul and body. Pray for the healing of my body.—A sister under the blood until He comes or calls, Sallie Dempsey, Box 595, Holliday, Texas.

Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my eyes. They have cataracts on them and the doctor says nothing but an operation will do them any good. I know God can heal. Also pray for sister and a niece to be restored to their first love. Pray for a brother who is in bad health of long standing. Pray for my lost brothers and sisters to be saved before it is too late. Any Church of God preacher coming to Whitewright, Texas will find a warm welcome at Miller Brothers south of town.—Your sister, Eliza Miller, Rt. 1, Whitewright, Texas.

I am not completely healed but the Lord has brought me up off the bed. I am trusting the Lord to completely heal me. I have a weak heart and am nervous. I called the good saints of the Church of God to pray for me Wednesday night. I came out of the bed Thursday morning and have been up every day since. I feel I am not completely healed. Old Satan is right after me all the time trying to keep me doubting. I ask the saints everywhere to pray for me to be completely healed.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. W. M. Chastain, Rt. 1, LaFayette, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for Mrs. Lizzie Turner who lives in this community. She is paralyzed and has not walked in three years. She believes the Lord can heal her. Also pray for my daddy. He has had rheumatism for fifteen years.—Your brother in Christ, Geo. L. Freeman, Northport, Ala.

I am earnestly asking you to pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost. I am trying to do everything I can to please the Lord. There is no Church of God here. I never did hear a Church of God minister preach. People here do not believe in holiness or receiving the Holy Ghost. They think when you are saved that is all you have to do. I like to read the good testimonies in the little paper. My husband is a sinner but he believes in the Church of God. I belong to the Church of Christ. Don't forget me. It is hard for anyone to seek for the Holy Ghost and not have any one to help them. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus. I covet all your prayers. I believe in the Church of God and her teachings.—A sister for Christ, Mrs. D. H. Brown, Triplet, Ky.

We want all the saints everywhere to please pray that we may receive the blessed Holy Ghost by the witness of Acts 2:4. Please pray for us.—Your brother and sister in Christ, W. C. and Mathie Scribner, Rt. 2, Troy, Tenn.

Dear saints of God, please pray for me to be completely healed. I have been sick several years but of late began to get worse. For a month I was confined to my bed. I got some of the saints to pray for me and now I'm able to be up, but am not completely well. I am not a member of the Church of God, but I know it is the right way. I am trusting the Lord for my healing and I know He can do it if I have faith.—Mrs. M. Kysar, Rt. 2, Amite, La.

Please pray a special prayer for my brother. He has been afflicted for twelve years and it seems he keeps getting worse. His request is that everybody who reads this and believes God can heal will please pray for him that God will heal his body and save his soul.—Your sister in Christ, Indie Vannoy, 114 Henry St., E. Alton, Ill.

I ask the saints to pray for my body to be healed and that God will open the way so I can go to services often and do His will. Also pray for a friend to come back to the Lord. Her name is Mary Ethel Parker.—Your sister in the Church of God, Miss Lulu Patterson, Cherokee Falls, S. C.

Please pray for my baby. She has been strangely afflicted for about four weeks. I don't know what the trouble is. We are trusting the Lord and have not had her examined to see what the physician would call it. I have never seen anything like it before but I know God can heal.—Your brother in Christ, R. L. Cooksey, Dixon, Miss.

I want every saint who reads this to pray a special prayer for me and my family. Pray that God will give me work close to some good Church of God where we can be in services and have our two little girls in Sunday School. Our little band of saints here has all moved away and we haven't been in service in two months. We get so hungry to be in services we can hardly stand it. Pray that God will have His way and also pray a special prayer for our baby.—Your humble brother and sister in the Church of God, Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Richters, Colorado, Tex.

I want the saints to pray for me that God will completely heal my body. I know Jesus is able and will heal.—Your sister in Christ, Hattie Loper, Ferndale, Fla.

I praise the dear Lord through the blessed little paper. For many years I have felt the Lord calling me into His work. After the 25th Annual Assembly of the Church of God I went away to do all I could for the Lord

Have You Begun The Good Work

We find in Mark 14:6 that Jesus said, "Let her alone, why trouble ye her?" Verse 8, "She hath done what she could." Jesus spoke this concerning the woman who anointed His head with the precious ointment. Some had murmured against her. We find from reading the Word that women have been great workers both spiritually and materially. She was last at the cross, Mark 15:47; first at the tomb, John 20:1; first to proclaim the resurrection, Mark 28:8; first preacher to the Jews, Luke 2:37, 38; attended the first prayer meeting, Acts 1:14; first to greet Christian missionaries (Paul and Silas) in Europe, Acts 16:13; first European convert, Acts 16:14. We will mention some of the notable women: Miriam the ambitious woman, Num. 12:2; Deborah the patriotic woman, Judges 4:4; Esther the self-sacrificing woman, Esther 4:16; Dorcas the benevolent seamstress, Acts 9:36; Lydia the business woman, Acts 16:14, 15. There are lots of women today who are making great sacrifices, working and doing their best, and others would if they only knew what to do and how. Most all women are willing and have a mind to work. All they need is some one to make the start.

God has been impressing me with this work a long time. About three years ago, after much prayer and meditation, I organized the sisters of the church where we were pastoring (Electra, Tex.). We had about thirty members and named the organization "Willing Workers." Now if you will read Exod. 35:21-35, you will see where we get our name and why. Verse 21 says, "And they came, every one whom his spirit made willing." And James tells us, "Faith without works is dead." We met together once a week, read the Word, and prayed, remembering the requests of the sick and needy. God blessed in many ways. We would get our work outlined for the week. Some would have new suggestions of different things we could do, such as making quilts, caps, bonnets, and flowers. Most every one seemed to be enthused and we worked in the day and part of the night. In a short time we raised three hundred dollars. This enabled us to purchase a piano, two stoves for the church, canvas and paper a four room paragonage, paint the interior woodwork, pay for some furniture and help the brethren with some debts. God saw our work and heard our prayers and gave us one of the greatest revivals I ever witnessed. We didn't have to send for an evangelist, God gave us a new one every service. Thirty-six received the Holy Ghost. Our Overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, and Brother F. M. Waldron made us a visit and liked our work so much that when they returned home they began the good work too. Later Brother B. L. Hicks came to hold us a revival and he took notice of our work and became so enthused about it after investigating our plans he organized the ladies of his church and their work is still progressing. We have most all the churches in the state organized and most of them are doing a good work. Some have purchased parsonages, finished church buildings, put down deep wells, bought furniture and other things.

We never had said very much about our work publicly until the camp meeting last summer. The Overseer gave us a few minutes to give an outline of it. Several responded. Among the number were two pastors. Each told how they appreciated it and the good that was being accomplished by it. All present seemed to enjoy it, from the General Overseer to the laity. Now we hope this will encourage others and they too will join us in our work. I haven't given you our plan altogether but I noticed in the paper week before last Sister Harrison submitted a plan similar to ours and I think it fine. Now, as she stated, others may have different names they like better. We would be glad to hear from others on this subject.—Yours in His service, Mrs. S. J. Wood, Box 291, Weatherford, Tex.

and His church. Brother Johnson, the district overseer of Bristol, Tenn., wanted me to take some work in other places. But I was working at Kingsport, Tenn. and we had a small number of Church of God members there. I wanted to stay here and do all I could for the Lord. I didn't want to see the work here go down. To my surprise last week the company I worked for decided I was too religious to work on the job and cut me off without work. I have been told by some that they could not come to our prayer meetings on account of those who owned the house they lived in. How sorry we are for these dear people. God blessed every time we came together. I want all who read this to pray for this place and that God will have His way with us.—Your brother in Christ, C. H. King, Kingsport, Tenn.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2

Authorized by the Assembly a year ago, now on sale for 10c each \$1.00 per dozen. This is a nice little book and well worth the money. It formerly sold for 20c each.

TEACHING DOCTRINE

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are spiritually discerned," 1 Cor. 2:14. It is ever to be remembered that the teachings of the Scriptures can only be grasped and understood as the Holy Ghost gives illumination and enlightenment. Spiritual things aren't mentally or intellectually discerned but they are spiritually discerned. Spiritual discernment is a discernment which comes by energy and enlightenment of the Holy Ghost and which is therefore a spiritual understanding of the things of God. Such a sense of knowledge of the truths of God is far deeper and also far more vital and real than the mere intellectual use and knowledge. A spiritual understanding of the truth and of the things of God brings spiritual senses and consciousness of mighty transformation. Suppose we were in a room hung with the finest pictures and adorned with the most exquisite statues and the light were barred out, what beauty could or would we see? Surely none at all. And so likewise the rarest beauties in Christ Jesus our Lord or the most exquisite charms in the Word of God can not be seen, neither enjoyed except the Holy Ghost illuminates and enlightens the mind and heart. There must be honesty of heart and openness of mind and yielding and response but oh the joy and blessing when the things of God become a spiritual reality to our hearts. Will we go in for this blessed experience? Will we press thru the formal, intellectual and mental into the realms of the Spirit? Beloved, it is only real as we know the truth and things of God in the power of the Holy Ghost that we can impart them to others. How important and dependent upon the Lord are we. We should be in full possession of the great and mighty Holy Ghost in order to thoroughly understand the doctrines of the Bible and to impart them to others. Mark Guy tells of a visit to one of England's coasts where he looked out over a stretch of oozy slime and mud. The sail boats were on their sides and it presented a dark picture but watching as the boats came to a halt, wondering how they would land, the tide came in, the mud was hid, the boats began to move and their change was directed to the harbor. I tell you what we need is the old time Holy Ghost to direct us in our efforts for Him. It will change things and put new life in to our work and the progress of the Church of God will move on, but I am praying that we will not lose sight of one all important truth and that is to stick to the doctrine of the Bible. I am more impressed than ever before that the Bible doctrine among our people is what we need to bring the power.

Experience Corresponded With Teachings

LAWRENCEBURG, Ill.—I thank God today that the grace of God that bringeth salvation did appear to me and taught me that denying ungodliness and worldly lust I should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world. There is nothing in this world so precious as the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. I see a great need in these evil days of a closer walk with God, a real consecration of our bodies a living sacrifice to God that He might live in us and create in us a true burning love for our fellowmen. Natural affection is almost a thing of the past. There seems to be more criticism than prayers for the waywards, too much of self and not enough "love thy neighbor as thyself." May God help us preachers to live under the anointing of the Holy Ghost that we may be able to preach love and unity with power sent down from the Glory World until the Church of God will be a lighthouse and sinners will not be able to resist the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

I held local preachers' license in the Free Methodist Church. I loved the church and her teachings, but a year ago in this month (November) I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the Lawrenceville church which I am now pastoring. This past year has been the greatest year of my life. Brother Graham Oglesby who is now overseer of Oklahoma came to our little mission in St. Francisville and received me into the Church of God on March 13 of this year. I say right here that when he read the teachings of the church to me my soul said, Amen, for my experience corresponded with them for it is the Word of God. I deem it a great honor bestowed upon wife and me to have been chosen by our State Overseer and the class at this place as pastor here. I want to help by the help of God to make this year one of the greatest in the history of the church by living a consecrated life, preaching the truth with love and long suffering yet with firmness, not compromising, not giving place to the devil, but being wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove. Pray that God will keep me humble.—Yours in His name, Elmer E. Black.

He Blessed Wonderfully

SEARLES, Ala.—I really thank God for salvation. I thank God that one day while in the lonely mountains of old Virginia seeking for pleasures in the days of my youth, I gave God my heart and life. I thank God because

THE TOUR

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They need more preachers in Alabama as there is much work to be done. From Flat Top we went thru Birmingham, Montgomery and on to Castlebury, Ala. where we had services a couple of nights. The Lord blessed the saints wonderfully. We toured to Georgiana, Ala. and had service at Bolling, Ala. at the Methodist church. They were very nice to us. May God bless them. We preached at Georgiana once and had a nice service. The saints all testified and the power fell, some shouted the victory. From there we drove to Castlebury and had a wonderful service. Several of Elder Ford's children were slain under the power. After the power subsided they all testified of being consecrated.

Next day we drove to Bluff Spring, Fla. where we met Brother E. Ford, some of his children and many of the saints of Castlebury who were there picking cotton. We had service with them that night. Quite a few white friends were present and they seemed to enjoy it, especially the singing. After the service we left for Eupora, Miss. We drove thru Mobile and on to Meridian where we stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Brown who gave us a warm reception. May God bless those precious people with this wonderful salvation. We left next morning for De Kalb. We preached for the people at the Baptist church Sunday night. The house was packed but the folks sat patiently and listened attentively to the Word of the Lord. We certainly need more preachers to scatter over the various states, preachers who will preach the Church of God good and strong. I am sure much could be accomplished for the Lord. We left Sister Lockett at this place. She had accompanied us from Flat Top, Ala. I heard from her since and she said the people were still stirred on account of the message that was delivered that night. After service we drove to Philadelphia, Miss. We stayed there part of the night leaving next morning for Eupora where we stayed three nights but had only two services on account of rain. We had a good time with the precious saints there. They entertained us royally.

Our next stop was at Rome, Miss. where we were greeted by Elder Alex Richard and wife and mother-in-law. We will never forget the hospitality of Brother Richard who gave us a tire for our machine. May God's richest blessings ever rest upon him and the saints at Rome. We were sorry that we could not stay with them longer. Sunday morning we left for Cherry Valley, Ark. We arrived there that evening and met Sister M. D. House and others who were awaiting our arrival. The church was packed that night, saints had come from other local churches to be present on this occasion. The Lord certainly gave us a wonderful time. The power fell and the saints shouted and danced the holy dance. We regretted much that we were not able to stay with the saints there longer than one night on account of having to meet the Twelve Counsellors prior to the Council of Bishops.

We left Cherry Valley Monday morning, Oct. 13 and arrived in Cleveland, Tenn. the 14th. Truly all proceedings of the Council were in the fear of the Lord and everything went on nicely. Every problem was discussed with much love, prayer and reading of the Sacred Scriptures during the different sessions of the Bishops' Council. There was no friction nor jar of disrespect among this body of Bishops. Our General Overseer, Brother Latimer, sat and moderated with much wisdom. We thank God for him and may his years be many upon earth. The Assembly was grand. Words fail to describe its greatness. It seems each time the Assembly gets better and the crowd gets larger. It was wonderful to witness the good singing, shouting and talking in tongues. The sermons were very interesting and inspiring. It was touching to hear the old pioneers sing a song together. I wish to mention the interesting address delivered by one of the old pioneers, Brother M. A. Looney, who spoke on "Mothers of Sixty Years Ago." It was wonderful and brought tears to the eyes of many. May God bless him as he is of a very good age. Saturday night (being set apart for the colored people) we had some good singing, I suppose, but we regretted that most of our good songsters had already left. But the few who stayed tried to make it lively. After a song service, and prayer by Bro. Ed Johnson of Kentucky, an offering was taken and the service turned over to the writer. After reading the second chapter of Ephesians and giving a report of the colored work Brother Eneas, Overseer of the Bahamas, brought the message which was inspiring. An altar call was made by Elder Johnson and a great crowd flocked to the altar. I believe many got blessed. We

He sent Brother S. E. Money our way and under his preaching God saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost.

I thank God because He gave me a talent of music since my conversion. Today I am a member of the dear old Church of God.

I thank God because He sent Brothers Charley Herring and Ralph Griffin to Searles to hold a few nights' meeting at the writer's home. The Lord surely blessed wonderfully. These two men are loved by both saint and sinner. We ask the dear saints to hold us up before the Lord.—A servant for Jesus, A. C. Watts.

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THE EVIL DAY

—B. T. S.—

For my first time to write to the Evangel after being impressed by the Spirit, I wish to introduce a text found in Eph. 6:13. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day."

First, let us notice the "evil day" for a brief interval. This DOES NOT mean a single day, but has reference to that distinct period of time into which we are now merging. In the third chapter of Paul's second letter to Timothy the apostle gives a clearer vision of this day. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come," which means times of hardship, strife, danger.

From the present day depression, the lull in the stock market, and general destitute circumstances, it is obvious that the crisis ahead is the catastrophe to which Paul referred. Millions of unemployed, seeking a means of livelihood but finding none, and a general chaotic unrest among the peoples everywhere only strengthen and illustrate more thoroughly this point. There is within each class of people today that impending instinct that something which will change the whole course of present day life is just ahead.

Just how near it is or just the nature of the thing cannot be explained; nevertheless, a sense of that awe-inspiring object grips and predominates each individual today. The world in general, expecting a crisis, stands back and wonders what the outcome will be.

At this time, for the reader's benefit, we refer to Matt. 16:3, Jesus, in speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees, said, "Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

Thinking to settle the matter by political adjustments, would-be executives enter voraciously into the thing, explaining as the cause either directly or indirectly the lack of executive leadership. But is this responsible? No! Oh friends, man, wise in his own conceits, whose judgment has directed the progress and activities of the world financially and industrially, discovers that his intellect has reached its zenith when confronted with the divinely purported schemes of the Creator. Drunken, paralyzed with the things of this world, he cannot realize the evil day is here. It has come upon him unawares.

Mark says, 8th chapter, 16th verse, "Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not?" Oh friends, how sadly the world needs to shed the scales from its eyes and see. And having eyes, need it not hear the voice of the Almighty ringing down thru the ages given by His divine gospel? which said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And hearing this, need it not heed and make ready to be counted worthy on the notable day of His second coming?

The so-called Christian world in a vain effort to be optimistic, if it be necessary to disregard the Word in order to do so, confidentially announces that "better times are ahead." The ministers, for personal gain, give their assistance, deceiving the people and themselves; or as Paul said, Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Isaiah also said in 56:10, "His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber." Might not the

did not stay much longer. We left the Assembly for Florida. We arrived at Eustis Sunday night just before preaching. We left next morning for Orlando. We stopped at Sanford a little while. We had service with Elder Marcelle and the saints at Orlando. Elder Eneas delivered the message which was very inspiring. After service that night we left for the east coast. Our first stop was at Wabasso where we left one of the drivers, Brother G. H. Brown. His parents were more than glad to see him, also greeted the rest of the company. The next morning we left. Our next stop was at Jupiter, Fla., then on to West Palm Beach, Deerfield and Ft. Lauderdale, the writer's home town. There was rejoicing when I arrived home.

I request all the ministers (col.) in Florida and elsewhere to make your reports promptly to Headquarters, and each pastor see to it that your church has its quarterly conference promptly and the clerk report to the overseer at the end of the month, or immediately after the last Sunday in the month. Let us work together this year in love for the uplifting of fallen humanity and for the Church of God. Let us pray that God will give us a good year and prove to this world that we are what we profess. I request the prayers of every child of God who reads this. Pray a special prayer for our success this year. Amen.

blind preacher, afraid to preach the Word as he sees it, be reckoned as a blind watchman and dumb dog, lying down and loving to slumber? Paul says in regard to the preacher and his flock also who refuse to accept the truth, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thess. 2:11, 12.

May God help the world, groveling in sin, darkness, ignorance, and suffering, in this the day of light to remember Him. In this evil day more than ever do we need the whole armor of God, be filled and alive with His Spirit. We must be consecrated and alive also to the elements that contend against us. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12.

Thinking about this, I remember an Old Testament character, Samson, who, after indulging in a few of his world's pleasures, was shorn of his power. Could this not serve as an example to present day Christians? Be careful in our dealings with the world lest it take from us our God given power. Satan is still a good Satan and the world is his most useful implement. Luke 21:34, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." 2 Pet. 3:14, "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless." As Paul of old said, Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and the power of his might. Amen.—Homer L. Sorrow, Cleveland, Tenn.

Deep Peace When Things Go Wrong

—B. T. S.—

Dear saints, I am glad it is my happy privilege to witness thru the Evangel and say I am in the Church of God Bible Training School in Cleveland, Tenn. I am delighted with the school, and our superintendent and teachers are just as good as I want them to be. You know they really must be fine.

The Bible School is a wonderful place to serve God and get a deeper understanding of the Word. I do want to make the best of every moment of time and be better prepared to fight this great battle against sin and Satan. I enjoy all the studies but I enjoy the Bible hour the best. And our Friday afternoon services are a real feast to my soul.

I am so glad when I learned that Jesus said, Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, that I came and found rest for my sinful soul. Bless His dear name! Today I have a deep settled peace in my soul that I would not give for a thousand worlds like this. I know this way cannot always mean shouting or the singing of beautiful songs but the glorious part is a deep settled peace within when everything goes wrong. I find His yoke is easy and His burden light. This morning in spite of the many sorrows and disappointments of life I feel the real joys of heaven ringing in my soul. Do pray much for me that I may be my best for Jesus and be a blessing to those around me, and ever stay under the blood of Jesus.—Lula Morris, Sumiton, Ala.

Come To The Church of God B. T. S.

—B. T. S.—

I praise the dear Lord for His goodness to me. I praise Him just now for saving me from a life of sin, sanctifying me with His precious blood, baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost, and adding me to the great Church of God. I praise Him for the privilege of being here in Bible School. It is a wonderful place to be. The Lord surely does bless us. We have wonderful teachers who have the work at heart. They are so patient with us and they are interested in everyone of us. I do thank the Lord for them. I have learned to love all the students and I pray the dear Lord will bless everyone of them. If you are thinking of going to school, please come to Cleveland to the Church of God Bible Training School. I ask an interest in the prayers of all who read this.—An unworthy sister under the blood in the Church of God, Mrs. Belle Cochran, Etowah, Tenn.

My Reasons For Appreciating B. T. S.

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First, my reason for writing this little article is there are many good people who do not appreciate the B. T. S. as much as they should. I believe the reason they do not is just because they do not know in reality what it is. In 1 Pet. 3:15 we read,

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

My first reason for appreciating the B. T. S. is because of its opportunities it offers to its students. I have the opportunity of getting a better education, better knowledge of the Bible, and a better knowledge of my own personality. I also have the opportunities of music and getting it at such reduced rates. You may say we can get our education and music at other places and that is no advantage. Here is my reason for preferring the Church of God B. T. S.

Our teachers are not only qualified from an educational standpoint to teach us as at other institutions but they are spirit-filled teachers and have the Holy Ghost and talk in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Many good people think and make the statement, If it were not for their salaries, there would be no teachers. If any of those who read this have been guilty of making this statement, don't do it any more.

Brother J. H. Walker is making many sacrifices to make this great work a blessing to the Church of God and a lost world. A man of his ability would not have to look for a job that would pay more than this job he has at present.

[And Brother Otis L. McCoy is laboring from ten to twelve hours per day for the B. T. S., teaching music for a small salary. He could be teaching some other places two hours per day and get a larger salary. We should thank God for spirit-filled teachers like this who are willing to sacrifice for the cause of Christ instead of talking against B. T. S.]

I will go on with my reasons for appreciating B. T. S. It is a spiritual place where there is praying, singing, shouting, weeping, talking in tongues, preaching, and discussing the Scripture. I like to be in school where there are no holiness fighters. Just think of a school like that! It is a place where we can study for the glory of God, where we can be in good conversations and have many opportunities we don't have any other place.

It is not a place where we have to submit to some opinion of man that is not scriptural, but we have the golden privilege of studying to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

I can't find words to express the advantages this school affords its ministers and Christian workers. I have been engaged in the ministry for somewhere around three years. I felt the need of the B. T. S. and began to pray if it were God's will He would make a way for me and I would come. So I am here for this term. I find it one of the best places I ever found in my life and God is wonderfully blessing me in many ways. I feel I am in the center of His will. I am giving God's great name all the glory for I know it was He who made it possible for me to be in school this time.

I ask all the saints who read this to please pray that my future life will be to the glory of God and a blessing to this lost world.—Your brother in Christ and the battle against sin, J. L. Yates, Cleveland, Tenn.

I Like The School Just Fine

—B. T. S.—

MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—I have desired to be in the C. of G. B. T. S. for two or three years and I praise the Lord because I am permitted to be here this term. I am glad to say I like the school just fine and am enjoying the blessings of the Lord. I thank the dear Lord because I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, a member of the Church of God, and a student of the B. T. S. As a student I feel that I am in debt to the school, to the church, to the world and to God to study and redeem the time. I ask an interest in the prayers of all Christian people that I might study to show myself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.—John H. Moore.

Remember Jesus Is Counting On You

—B. T. S.—

I am praising God daily for His goodness to me and for His extended mercies to me while I was in sin. I am glad He sent conviction deep and strong into my heart and cleansed me from all iniquity by the atonement of His blood. I am sanctified and feel an overflowing of His Spirit now. Bless His name forever! I have lately felt great nearness to God and am pleading for more salvation and a deeper consecration. I praise Him for the opportunity of serving Him. Remember He is counting on you and counting on me, counting on our taking advantage of every opportunity around us. Some opportunities are like the waves on the ocean—they come once then are forever gone. Dear Bible students, let us consider our time precious and study God's Word that we might know more how to rightly divide it, and bear in mind that this opportunity may never come to us again. Let us strive to make this school the most successful one known and prove to our teachers that we appreciate their earnest help and interest in the school. God is so good to us. He has blessed us wonderfully in every undertaking. I feel that there is nothing that can separate us from God. Paul says, "I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor prin-

Led There By The Lord

CAMP TAYLOR, Ky.—I praise God today for ever saving me, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the good Holy Ghost. I was added to the great Church of God.

An old time revival was held at Stone St. Station, beginning Aug. 26 and closed Sept. 14. Brother Matthew Colvin was in charge of this work and also was in charge of the meeting. It was the first brush arbor meeting we had ever attended. God blessed in a wonderful way. The crowds were so large that it looked like our state camp meeting. I never saw people so hungry for the true gospel. When services were dismissed the people would ask for a song and would stay as long as we would sing for them. This place is away back in the country where no one thought of going until the dear Lord put it on Brother Matthew Colvin's heart to go there and hold services. Surely he was led there by the Lord.

Brother Colvin and his wife began having services one night each week. They had services about two months or longer. One night they came to our home and asked wife and me to go out and help them in the work. They said the people wanted a Sunday School and they wanted us to go and help. We went out the next Tuesday night and the next Sunday, Aug. 3, we organized a Sunday School with fifty-three in attendance. The people wanted a revival so Brother Colvin began it Aug. 26.

Brother Chas. Lockard went part of the time and helped Brother Colvin with the preaching. The people sat listening as they preached the Word in its fullness. Many said they never heard the Word preached before. When the altar call was made every night the altar was soon filled with hungry seekers. I don't know the exact number saved but eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism.

A crew of willing workers who helped in the singing and altar work came from Mitchell Hill every night. I can't begin to tell what a wonderful revival this was. I will just say it was an old time revival. I believe it will be long remembered in that community.

One man said he would give us a lot to build a church on. We are expecting to see a church building there in the near future and a Church of God organized where people can come and worship God according to His Word. Brother Colvin and wife have services every Friday night in the homes now since it is too cold to hold services on the outside. We also have Sunday School in the homes every Sunday evening and God is blessing. Everyone who reads this pray for Brother and Sister Colvin that God will just bless their efforts for Him in His service and give them many souls for their labors and also bless our Sunday School. Pray that the Church of God will rise and shine for Jesus in that community.—Your brother in the Lord, for God and His cause, Robert L. Myers.

Church Set In Order In Comfort, W. Va.

I praise the Lord for victory over sin. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. My whole heart's desire is to go on and get closer to God. I praise the Lord for what He is doing, for the way He is pouring out His Spirit and baptizing souls with the Holy Ghost. Brother Forest Ash and I went to Comfort and held a meeting. It began Oct. 14 and ended Nov. 9. There were eight souls saved, two filled with the precious Holy Ghost, a church set in order with thirteen members and two members transferred, making fifteen members in the Church of God there. We have a building rented and it is offered to them for \$800.00. Pray that God will give them the money to buy the building for services. Brother Ash had to go home on account of his daughter being sick. They are not expecting her to get well unless God heals her body. He is able, I know, so pray for her. Pray that Brother Ash will soon get back on the field for the Lord. I want all of God's dear children to pray for our church at Whitesville, W. Va. that God will give us another building as we lost ours by fire. We are trusting God for another one. Pray for my home, that God will make it a home of prayer, also pray for me, that I will stay humble before God and He will give me grace to overcome that I might be a soul winner for Him.—Facie Hawks, clerk.

cialities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I want to live holy, speak often of my Lord, Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word; I want to live holy, let Him be my guide, And run not before, whatever betide.

I want to live holy as the world rushes on, Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone; By looking to Jesus, like Him I want to be, That my schoolmates, in my conduct, His likeness shall see.—Edna Marcum.

Obituaries

SHOOK

On March 10, 1930 the death angel went into the hospital at Anderson, S. C. and took away our precious, sweet sister, Minnie Shook. She was born Jan. 5, 1886, age forty-four years, two months and five days. She had been in bad health for two years. She was saved, sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost and a believer in the Church of God. She would often have the Church of God saints to pray for her healing and would get healed. She had many friends. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, two stepchildren, two brothers, six sisters, and many other relatives. She said she was ready to meet Jesus in peace and requested that Sister Myrtle Whitehead preach her funeral, but we didn't know just where to find Sister Myrtle so Brother Roger Looney preached her funeral and she was laid to rest in No. 2 Church of God cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

O Minnie, how bad we miss you While here on earth we stay; It's joy to know we can meet you Again in heaven some sweet day.

From our presence you have been taken And in Christ have fallen asleep, Yet when we think of your departure We can't help but weep.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord When love has bound the heart; 'Tis hard, so hard to speak The words, "We must part."

We must not, will not wish her back To this land of sorrow and care When all over yonder is fair and bright And she is happy there.

All the years we spent together, All the happy golden hours Shall be cherished in fragrance Sweet from memory's flowers.—One who loved her dearly, her sister, Mrs. Florence Pace.

IN MEMORY OF OUR JEWELL

Ivory Jewell Cupplip Higgins lives on. Beneath the sod lies the body of our departed sister but comforting thoughts come when we think of her living again when she shall awake in the new life, when soul and body reunite, when the mortal body shall put on immortality and live again. Sister Higgins departed this life Oct. 7, 1930 at the age of thirty-eight years, three months and seventeen days.

We met her for the first time when Brother Davis and I were out on a mission tour for our King in Pulaski. We went into her home and prayed with her. She had been afflicted in her body for several years and was a shut-in patient. The Lord helped her and touched her body in a wonderful way. This touched the husband and children and they began to reverse their lives, started to Sunday School and meeting. She prayed thru to victory and was sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost and lived such a consecrated life for the Lord. We rejoiced in her, knowing we had won her for the church and the dear Lord. We feel like saying she had the right name and was one of our brightest jewels in the church. She had just been saved about two years and six months. She was a great worker while able to be out and as far as her health permitted. She never refused to do anything she was requested to do for the Lord. She would always say, "I will do my best, I want to do something for my Lord and His church. My heart's desire is to help

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the church grow, that is all I want in this life—to do something for Jesus." Remembrance of her will always linger here with the church. We always knew when she was at church for we could hear her voice praising her King in a laugh. The Lord blessed her with a laughing spirit. She would stand to her feet, laugh and walk the floor, and would stay on her knees partly thru the sermon and laugh and we all rejoiced with her.

Her funeral was conducted by the pastor, W. B. Davis, and the text Rev. 14:13 was well selected. "She hath done what she could" were words used by the writer in assisting in the funeral service. Her stay here was short after she was saved and received the blessing but was well spent in the Master's service. She was anxious for her flight to come. The last time I was with her she said, "Sister Davis, it is wonderful to know you are ready to go. I saw Jesus come and two angels with Him." By request she was taken to the church where she prayed thru and her beautiful casket was opened and the beautiful flowers placed around it. It was wonderful. She was left in the church from 9:00 a. m. until 3:00 p. m., the hour of the funeral. She was married to Otto Cupplip in 1907. To this union were born five children. After his death in 1918 she was married to H. N. Higgins. To this union were born two children. She is survived by her husband and seven children. The body was laid to rest in Oakwood cemetery.—One who was devoted to her, Mrs. W. B. Davis, Pulaski, Va.

BUNCH

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1930 our dear Sister Ruth Bunch slipped away to be with Jesus. She was saved about four months before she died, was wonderfully sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost and was a member of the great Church of God. She was sick about two months with dropsy but she bore her suffering with patience and trusted the Lord to the end. I know God called her to be with Him where she will never have to suffer any more. If we live true to God, we will meet Sister Ruth on that happy, golden shore where there will be no more sickness and death.

The funeral was conducted by our pastor, Brother Jim Allen, and her body laid to rest in the little cemetery at Tribbey, Ky.

Farewell, dear Ruth, we'll not see you here any more But we hope to meet you when this toilsome life is o'er.—One who loved her as a sister, Flora Strunk, Tribbey, Ky.

PEARSON

On Sept. 27, 1930 the death angel came into the home of Brother John Pearson and claimed his loving wife, Sister Lizzie Pearson was born July 23, 1875 being fifty-two years of age. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, mother, eleven children, four brothers and six sisters; one sister, her father and three children preceded her in death. She was the mother of fourteen children. To know her was to love her. Sister Pearson was a good woman. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She and her husband were among the first to get the Holy Ghost and come into the Church of God twenty-two years ago. She had trusted God for her healing and for her family ever since she got the blessing. She told me several of her children had never tasted medicine.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. I am sure Sister Pearson's works will follow her. She went to the tent that same night she died, was well and testified by quoting a verse of scripture as that was the way they had them testify that night. After they got home they ate supper and had just gone to bed. She said she felt chilly and in a few minutes she had, without a struggle, gone to be with Jesus and her loved ones.

A precious one from us has gone, Her voice we loved is still, Her place is vacant in Sunday School, That never can be filled. (Her class).

How we miss you, precious Lizzie, In the singing, in the choir,

And your prayers and testimonies Were always heavenly joy.

On that bright, celestial day I hope to meet you, Lizzie, When Jesus comes to catch His chosen ones away.—One who loved her dearly, Mrs. Florence Pace.

HAMLEN

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. Ottilie Hamlen of Akron, Ohio on Nov. 5, 1930 and claimed for its victim little Donald Robert, age two years, nine months and twenty-eight days. Double pneumonia was the cause of his death. His funeral was held at Richmond, Ky., the home of his father's people, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends and his body was interred at that place.

Little Robert leaves to mourn his departure a fond mother and father and a host of relatives and friends. His mother, before marriage, was Miss Ottilie Melton of Hayesville, N. C.

The following poem is an appropriate selection by his loving mother.

THE EMPTY CRADLE BED

In the still and quiet chamber There's an empty cradle bed, With the print upon the pillow Of a baby's shining head, It is a fair and dainty pillow, Downy soft, the pillow's white, But within the blankets folded, Lies no little form tonight.

Once the mother sat beside it, When the day was growing dim, And her pleasant voice was singing Soft and low a cradle hymn, Now there's no more need of singing When the evening shadows creep, For the cradle bed is empty And the baby's gone to sleep.

Little head that used to nestle In the pillow white and soft; Little hands whose restless fingers Folded them in dreams so oft; Lips we pressed with fondest kisses, Eyes we gazed upon purest ray, Underneath the church-yard daisies— They have hid you all away.

Oh the empty, useless cradle We will put it out of sight, Lest our hearts would grieve too sorely

For the little one tonight; We will think how safe forever In the better fold above, That young lamb for which we sorrow, Resteth now 'in Jesus' love.—His grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Melton.

QUALES

On the morning of May 10, 1930 the death angel came into the home of Brother and Sister Quales and called for their darling daughter, Pauline, who had only reached the tender age of ten years, one month, and seven days. She only stayed here a short time. Pauline was saved at our tent meeting in August 1928 and from that time wanted to be baptized but never had the opportunity to. She liked to go to Sunday School and church and was faithful to come every opportunity she had. We remember one day when we were at work on our new church building just a few months before her death she told our pastor, Brother Johnson, she wanted him to preach her funeral in that place. She was the first to be rolled down the aisle of our little church building. She said, Mama, tell Johnnie and all to meet me in heaven. She closed her eyes and went to sleep in Jesus without a murmur or a struggle, but all the while had a sweet smile on her face and that wonderful look of sweet joy in her countenance. As we looked upon her face after she was placed in her casket it seemed as tho' she wanted to say, All is well, home at last, inside the gate. Pauline leaves a father, mother, five sisters, three brothers, and many friends. She was loved by all who knew her. The funeral service was conducted by our pastor, Brother Ed Johnson, and her body was laid to rest in the East Hill cemetery to await the great resurrection morn.

Farewell, dear little Pauline, We'll see you here no more, But we hope to meet you again When this toilsome life is o'er.—Written by her Sunday School Superintendent, A. R. Hill, Bristol, Tenn.

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Report of District Meeting

We feel it would be good to tell of some of the good things the Lord is doing for us up here in the high hills of West Virginia. The first Assembly I attended was in the year 1922 and during this Assembly I was very much impressed with the report made by the overseer of this state, E. L. Simmons. They sang a song composed by Brother Simmons and in this song they mentioned the West Virginia hills. Little did I think I would ever have work in this state, but this last Assembly I was appointed pastor here at Logan by the present overseer of the state, Brother E. C. Clark. As soon as we had time to make our arrangements at home to get started we pulled out for West Virginia. We came in late Saturday night about twelve o'clock, after the Assembly closed Sunday night before, to take up our work to which we had been assigned. I do not think I ever met a more sociable people in all my travels than I have found here at Logan. It is a very easy place to get acquainted with both outsiders and the members. We had not been here but a few days until we met the district overseer, Brother C. H. Blankenship. He had arrived to do his best towards getting things organized in the district. He was going from church to church in the district getting his pastors placed and getting acquainted, as he was new here as well as we were. Then he fell upon this plan to get things together: He decided to have a district meeting here at Logan and have the ministers and superintendents of Sunday Schools come in on this date and we would have talks, singing, and praying. As we did not have much time to get ready for the meeting there was no program made out. That that seemed good to the Holy Ghost and us was what was done. To say it was good is putting it in a mild term; to say it was great does not express it altogether, anyway we feel it will be a great help to us in the district this year.

On Sunday morning Nov. 16 the ministers came in, some in time for Sunday School which began at 10:00 a. m. Some were coming in all during Sunday School. After Sunday School the writer being the pastor spoke a few words by way of introductory, or made a few preliminary remarks and at the same time tried to make all feel at home and welcome, afterward announcing the district meeting and introducing the district overseer who was to take charge of the meeting. Brother Blankenship came forward and spoke at length on the purpose of the meeting. He read for a scripture lesson Heb. 2:3 and mentioned that there were things pertaining to the business of the church and salvation that we might be neglectful about, then he spoke of the work in the district and said we must not be neglectful if we want to see the work go. He spoke of his appointment over this district, his previous work in other districts, of his methods and plans that had worked in other places and how the work had prospered. He called the ministers to the platform one by one and asked them to make a short talk concerning the work in the district and their desires to see the work go forward this year. One talk after another was made. Some of the speakers were Brother Robert Plinchum, an evangelist who is running a revival a few miles from here; Brother Nichols, pastor of one of the churches in this district; Brother Blair, another minister of this district; Brother W. R. Dalton made a talk and took up an offering for the district overseer which amounted to \$16.00; other ministers made good talks. I do not want to forget the talk made by Brother R. E. Vickers on Sunday School interest, which was fine. The writer made a talk concerning the young people and Y. P. E. The district overseer mentioned the appointments that had been and were being made in the district. Several special songs were sung by the writer and son, R. W., which seemed to be enjoyed, and the choir sang many good spiritual songs during the day. There seemed to be a good spirit manifested throughout the day and many expressed themselves as having enjoyed the program very much. With handshakes and good-byes we were dismissed to go forth and do our best for the work in the district.—Roy E. Blackwood.

Try to Live In Unity, Love, Prayer

KIMBERLY, Ala.—I praise God thru the little messenger that carries so many good teachings of God's love all over our land for the way He has blessed us here in spite of the powers of the enemy. The enemy has tried so hard to separate us by the works, all being stopped. So many of the saints moved away. Only a few are left here, but oh how I do praise God for these. We try to live in unity and love and pray for our brother.

Our Sunday School has eighty members enrolled now and our superintendent, Brother Clyde Dodd, is wanting to reach one hundred by the help of the Lord at the beginning of the year. He is a real superintendent. Pray that God will keep him by His mighty power hid away with Christ and that He will keep all the other saints here. Pray that we will be faithful until God says, Enough.—Your sister in Christ, Julia Johnson.

Mission Department

Material for this department should be mailed to Zeno C. Tharp, Mission Secretary, 203 Parris Ave., Greenville, S. C.

GOOD REPORTS

We are glad to announce that good reports are coming in and that things are somewhat encouraging. If we get the spirit of missions and take it to heart, it will have its effect. But God must lay the burden upon us, and for Him to do that we must submit ourselves to Him so He can. If we get willing for His will, and pray, "Lord, just anything you will have me do. Help me to do thy will," and then think of others until we get a real burden for them, then and not until then can we pray for them as we ought. In our family prayers we should never leave out the foreign mission fields. We ought to make it a daily practice. Below is a part of a letter we received this week:

"I'm enclosing five dollars to help

in the mission work. I feel that we, the Church of God, ought to awake and go to work while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work and oh I feel just now that the night is near, oh very near, nearer than most of us have any idea. We who have this everlasting gospel should awake and use our talents, then be ready to meet Jesus in the air and avoid the awful tribulation that is to come upon the earth.

"I'm so glad that Paul answered the mission call. Oh glory!—One who loves the mission cause, Mrs. R. R. Combee, Tampa, Fla."

We are glad to get good letters like this. While we can't print all of them, we will try to put one in the Evangel most every week.

Let's Pray More And Live Clean

LAKE WORTH, Fla.—I want to praise the Lord this beautiful Monday morning for saving, sanctifying and filling me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost and then putting me in the dear old Church of God where I mean to stay till Jesus comes or calls. I have been in this way about six years and find it better all the way. Praise God! We have had many trials here. The wolf got in and scattered our flock and at times I would almost give up. The devil would try to make me think there was no use, then I would pray and ask God not to let us give up. We have to press on. If we never had any trials, we would never have any blessings. James 1:2 says, "Count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations." We just went down, we thought, as far as we could almost and God said it is enough and has come on the scene and is blessing in a wonderful way. Last Sunday a week ago four got the Holy Ghost, three got saved and eleven have come into the church. Oh how I praise God for every one. Next Sunday we are going to have a baptizing.

Brother and Sister Holly are loved by everybody here. They surely have been a blessing to us here and we thank the Lord for them. We have one hour for prayer meeting every Sunday evening. The brothers go to the grove and the sisters stay at the church and the Lord surely is blessing. Then we have one hour for Bible study. We all enjoy that. After this we go into the regular service and it lasts till the Lord gets thru. They threaten to arrest us sometimes. Last night a man wanted us stopped and the chief of police was there. He told that man if he didn't go home and attend to his own business he would arrest him. He wasn't long in getting away. I thank God for that chief of police. I wish there were more like him on the police force. Our Sunday School is increasing. We had sixty-one yesterday. Thank the dear Lord for every one of them. The Lord blessed us by sending Brother and Sister Douglas and Sister French from Miami, Fla. up here. Brother Douglas told us about the soap coupon business and every one is glad to help. We are all interested in the orphans. I am sure, and want to help. We have some true blue saints here who are willing to do anything and when we can't do anything financially, we can pray and that will bring the finance.

I feel that I am the least in the Church of God. If I have ever done anything that was a help to the church or any one, thank God for it, for it was Jesus, not me. I am willing for God to use me and get glory out of this life of mine. I am fifty-six years old today. I wasted the best part of my life but I surely mean by God's help to serve Him and go all the way with Him. If I live fifty more years, I want to serve Him better all the time. There is no going back. We can't stand still. We are going one way or the other. We want to be like the time—it doesn't stop nor go back, but keeps going on. How good the Lord is to us and how unworthy we are.

I praise the Lord for our church paper. I look for the Evangel regularly. It is such a blessing. I don't feel that I could do without it. I renewed my subscription last week. I didn't feel I had the money just then to spare but I said, I will do without other things and send for my paper, and after I had mailed my letter and came home I found one dollar that I had put away and forgotten. See how God will help us if we do His will. Saints, pray for us here. We need your prayers. May God bless our Headquarters and the Bible School and its teachers. We love Brother and Sister E. L. Moore, Brother Payne and everybody else. We hope the boys and girls learn and make a success in life. We are proud of our state overseer and love him and his family. Brother R. P. Johnson surely is a man of God, and how we like to see his sweet wife shout. God bless them. Let us pray more. God help us to pray more and live a clean, pure life in this world then we can hear those sweet words, Well done, thou good and faithful servant.—Mrs. H. E. Ruff.

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